and exhibitions, advertisements in print and electronic media, motivational lectures in schools, colleges are also some of the other measures in this direction.

Ship building capability of defence shipyards

3706. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the current ship building capability of defence shipyards does not match our annual requirement of six warships and one submarine, that are required to replace the navy's retiring ships;

(b) whether it is a fact that at present, only two to three warships are inducted every year, as it takes nine years to build a frigate in India, while the same is built in five years abroad; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to modernize the shipyards in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAO INDERJEET SINGH): (a) and (b) The current ship building capacity of defence shipyards does not entirely match the requirement of Navy for replacement of ships in a phased manner. The build period of some indigenous frigates has been higher as compared to that of imported ships. In India, generally indigenous design and development of systems takes place concurrently with construction of warships. Delays occur primarily due to concurrent development and construction. The indigenous content of warship building in India has, been steadily increasing. Five indigenous warships were commissioned in 2005-06.

(c) The Government is providing assistance to modernize and to improve the infrastructure in Goa Shipyard Limited, Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited, Mazagon Dock Limited, and Cochin Shipyard Limited to facilitate faster building of ships.

Import of defence items

3707. SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have imported any defence required items including raw materials for the defence use during the last three years;